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IN NO TIME
AT ALL...



...I HAD UP
'N CREATED...



After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

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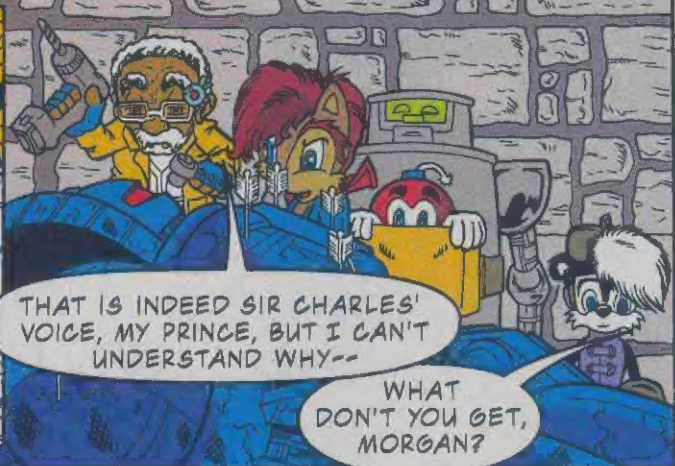


YOU
DA MAN NOW,
'HOG!

THAT WAS THE EASY
PART. FINDIN' THE
SWORD OF ACORNS
WOULD BE A WHOLE
'NOTHER STORY.

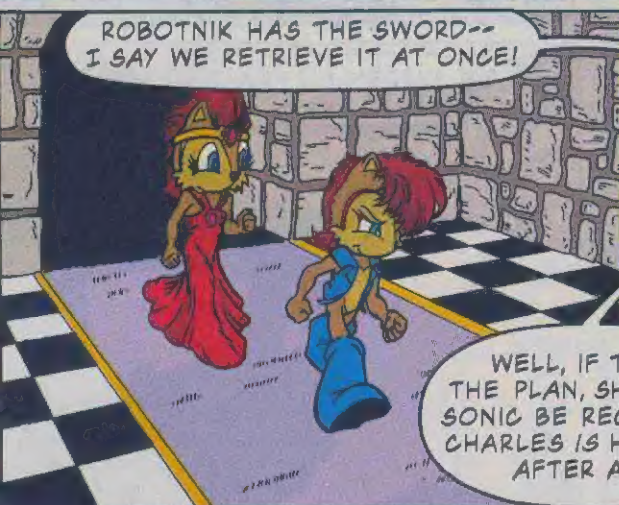
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SWORD OF RECORDS **SSQWAAARRK**
RESTORE WILL **SSQWAAARRK** ROBOTNIK
SSQWAAARRK HAS IT.



THAT IS INDEED SIR CHARLES' VOICE, MY PRINCE, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY--

WHAT DON'T YOU GET, MORGAN?



ROBOTNIK HAS THE SWORD-- I SAY WE RETRIEVE IT AT ONCE!



WELL, IF THAT'S THE PLAN, SHOULDN'T SONIC BE RECRUITED? CHARLES IS HIS UNCLE AFTER ALL...

PERHAPS YOU'RE...



HOLD ON A MINUTE! IT'S SONIC'S FAULT WE LOST THE SWORD TO BEGIN WITH!

YOU'RE HARDLY BEING FAIR, GEOFFREY--



SALLY, THE DECISION IS YOUR BROTHER'S AND HIS ALONE.



GEOFFREY, YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAD BETTER GET A MOVE ON...

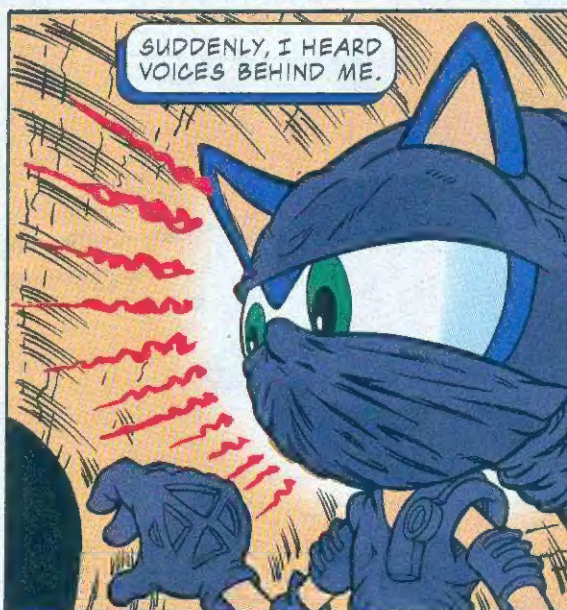


I COULDN'T LET ANYBODY
KNOW WHAT I WAS UP TO.
NOT MY FOLKS...

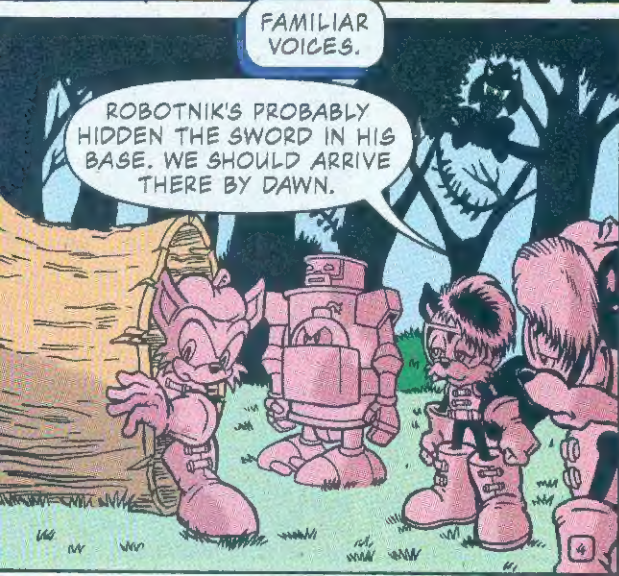
...NOT EVEN
MY CLOSEST
FRIENDS.



ARACHNIS HAD
STOLEN THE
SWORD. NOW IT'S
MY JOB TO FIND...



SUDDENLY, I HEARD
VOICES BEHIND ME.

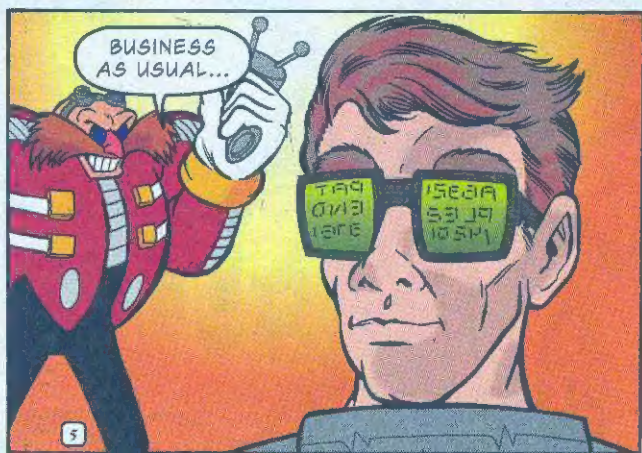
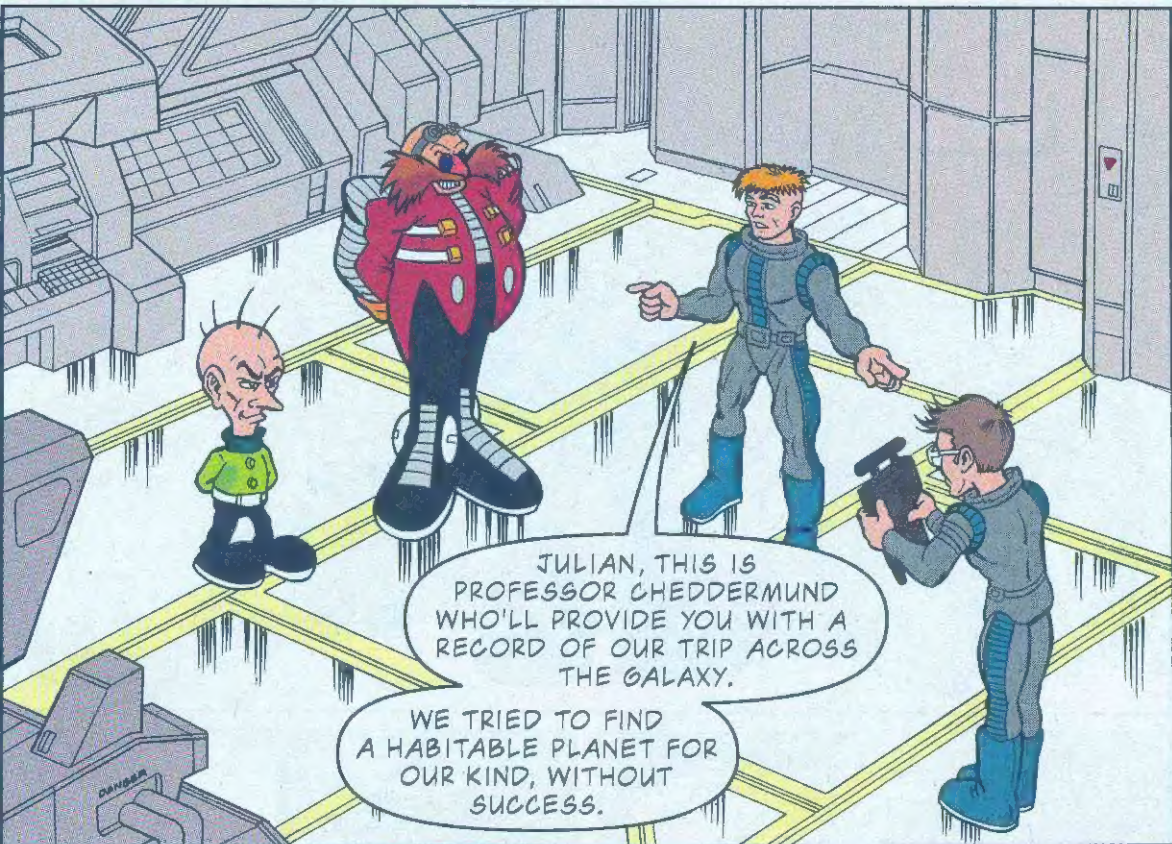


FAMILIAR
VOICES.

ROBOTNIK'S PROBABLY
HIDDEN THE SWORD IN HIS
BASE. WE SHOULD ARRIVE
THERE BY DAWN.



WRONG-O, ST. JERK. SO MUCH
FOR MY MISSION. FOR NOW, I'D
HAVE TO TAKE A DETOUR TO...



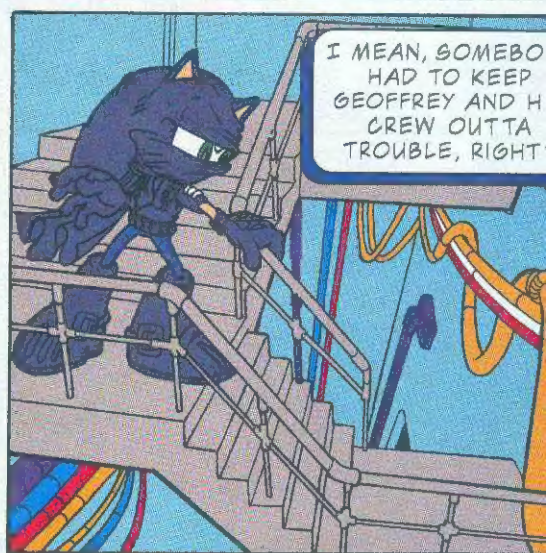


SO THERE
I WAS...



THAT WAS
CLOSE.

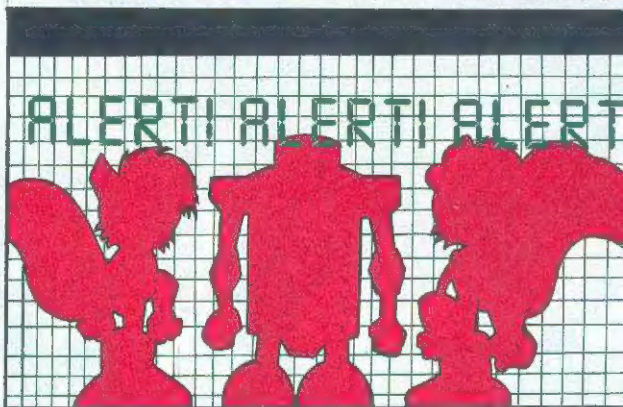
STILL, I FEEL
AS IF WE'RE BEING
WATCHED...



I MEAN, SOMEBODY
HAD TO KEEP
GEOFFREY AND HIS
CREW OUTTA
TROUBLE, RIGHT

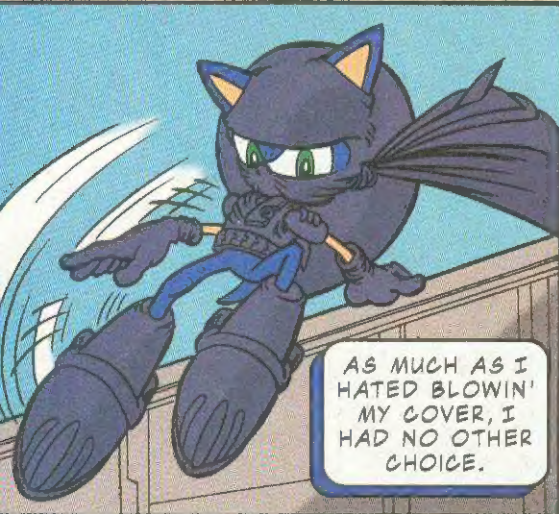


WE'RE ALMOST
THERE--KEEP
MOVING.



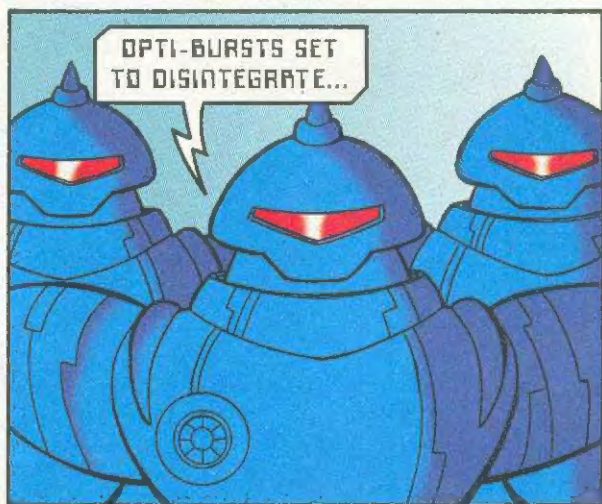


--IT WAS TOO
LITTLE TOO
LATE.



AS MUCH AS I
HATED BLOWIN'
MY COVER, I
HAD NO OTHER
CHOICE.

OPTI-BURSTS SET
TO DISINTEGRATE...



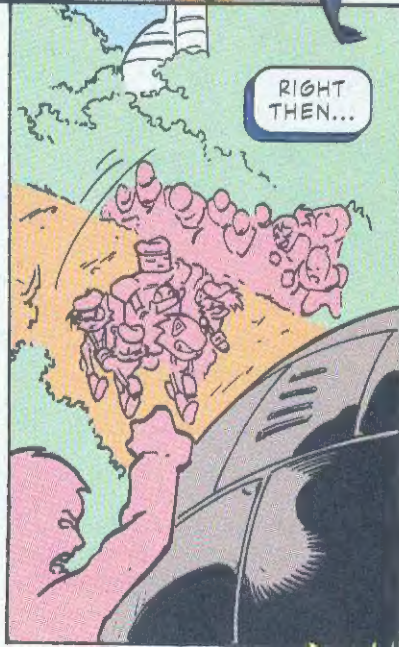
WAIT--WE
SURRENDER!



**BOOO! DOWN
WITH THE FURRIES!**



RIGHT
THEN...



...I WAS SURE GLAD
NO ONE COULD SEE
MY FACE. TALK ABOUT
EMBARRASSING.





SO, WHO ARE YOU?
AND WHAT WERE YOU
DOING IN THAT
ALLEYWAY?



I'M...THE SNEAK, A
FREEDOM FIGHTER FROM...
SANDBLAST CITY. I WAS DOIN'
SOME RECONNAISSANCE.



"WELCOME" TO ROBOTROPOLIS!
YOU, OF COURSE, KNOW ME, BUT
I DON'T KNOW YOU.

I BELIEVE AN
INTERROGATION IS
IN ORDER, STARTING
WITH...



...YOU!

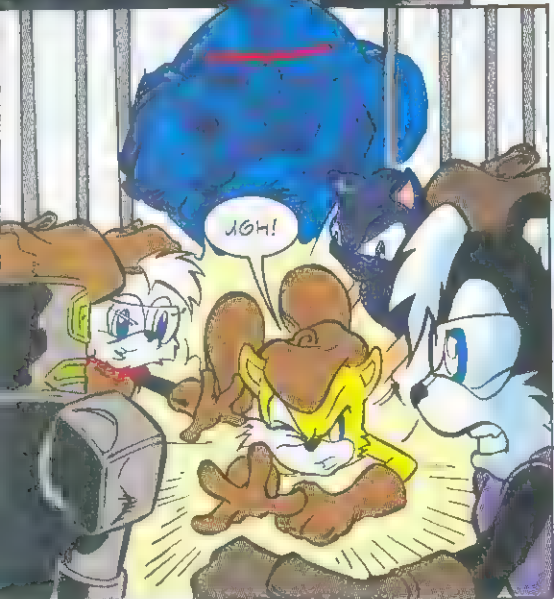
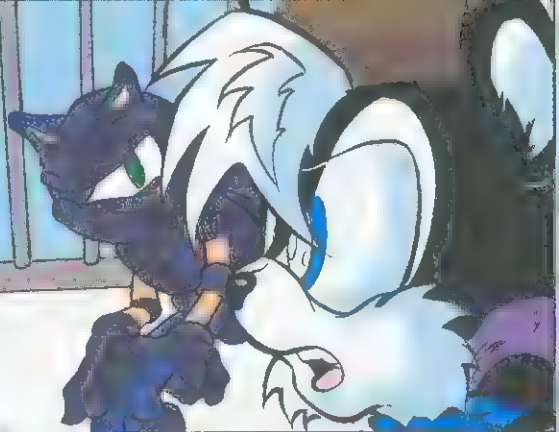


AND THAT'S
HOW IT
WENT. FIRST
GEOFFREY...



...THEN
HERSHEY...

...FOLLOWED BY WOMBAT STU. I COULDN'T RISK BEING UNMASKED BY "BUTT-NIK".



IGH!

NOW THE
SYNTHETIC
LIFE-FORMS.



WE'VE GOTTA GET
OUTTA HERE, LIKE,
YESTERDAY!

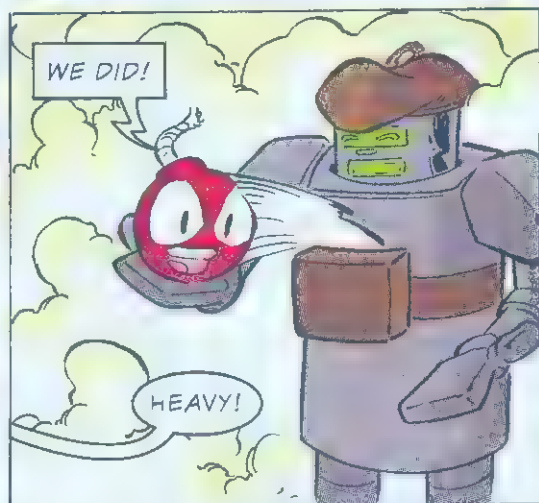
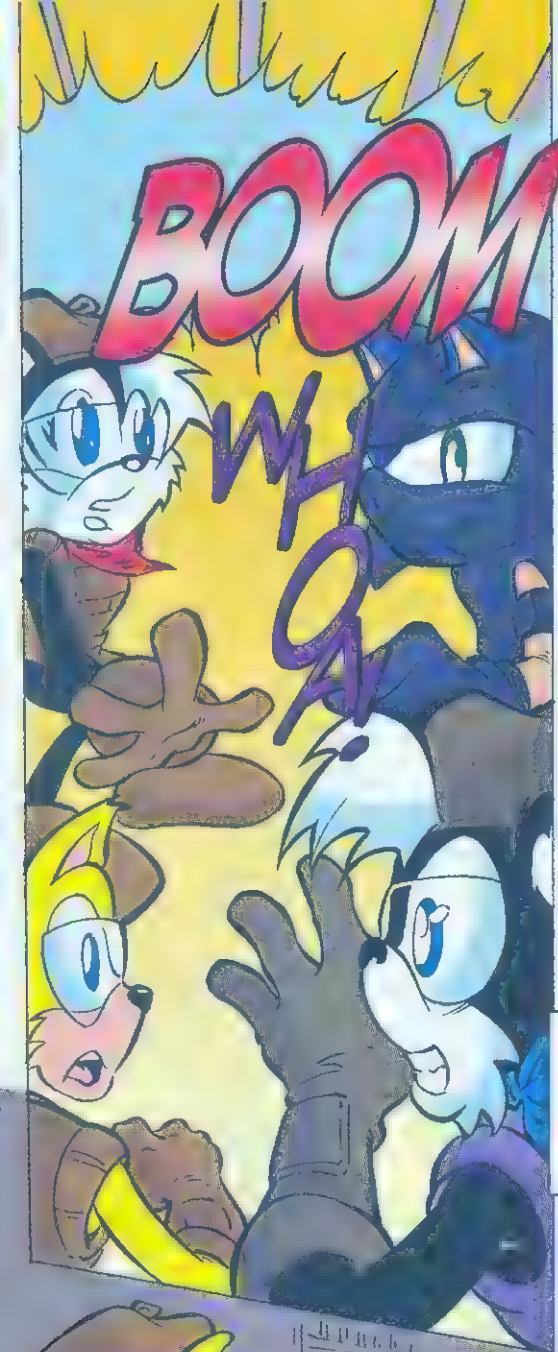


I'M IN CHARGE
HERE, AND WE'RE HERE TO
COMPLETE A MISSION!

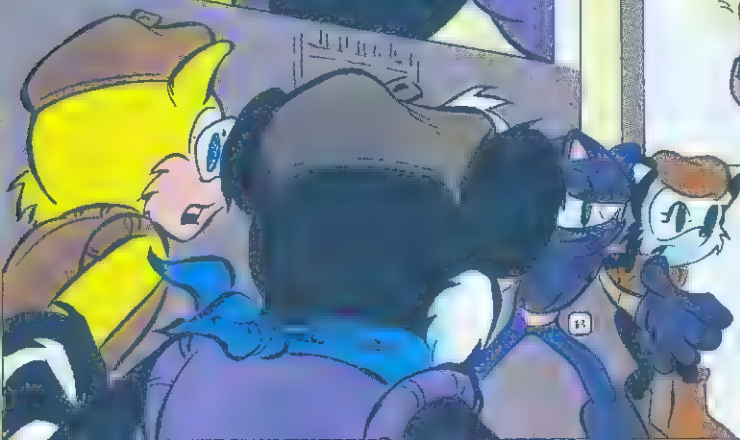
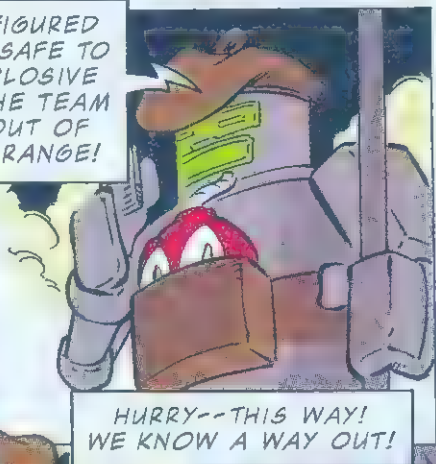


FORGET THE
MISSION! THIS ISN'T
ROBOTNKS STYLE.
WHAT DID HE SAY
TO YOU?





BOMB FIGURED
IT WAS SAFE TO
GO EXPLOSIVE
ONCE THE TEAM
WAS OUT OF
BLAST-RANGE!



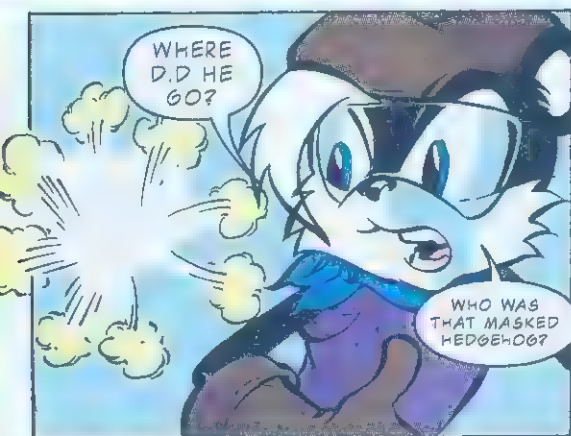
BOY, DID THEY EVER. WHEN DID THOSE TWO BECOME SUCH HEAVY-HITTERS?



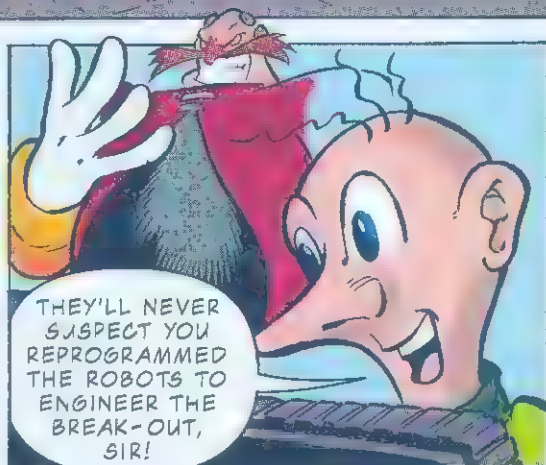
WE MADE IT! I HOPE THIS PROVES SOMETHING, "SNEAK!" HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE ALWAYS --



WHERE DID HE GO?



WHO WAS THAT MASKED HEDGEHOG?



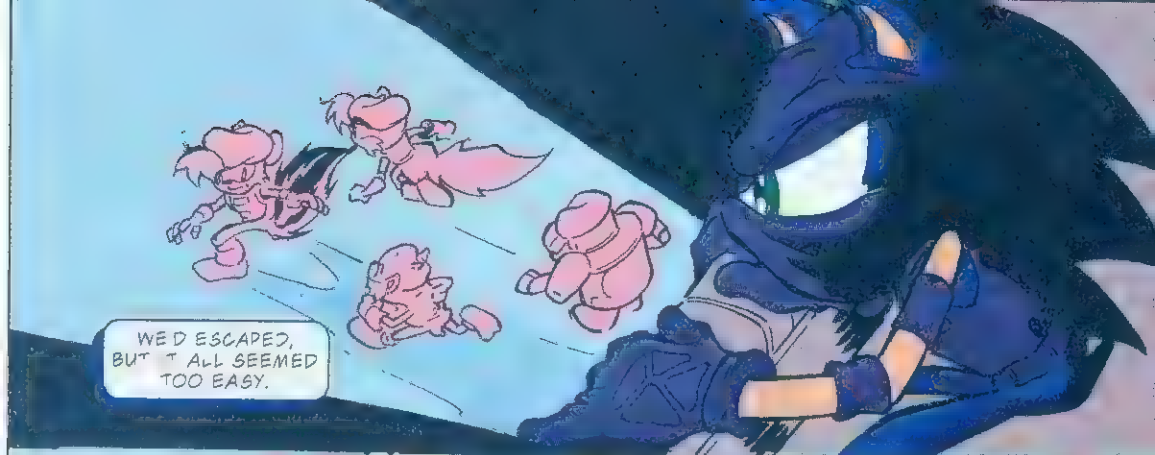
THEY'LL NEVER SUSPECT YOU REPROGRAMMED THE ROBOTS TO ENGINEER THE BREAK-OUT, SIR!

OH, I REPROGRAMMED THEM TO DO MUCH MORE THAN THAT! HO! HO! HO! HO!

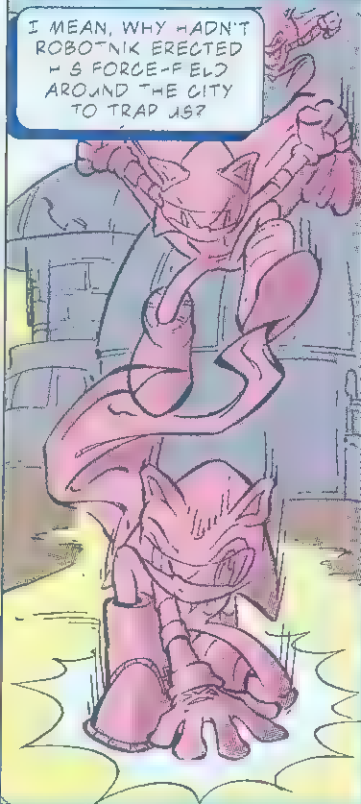


WE DIDN'T RETRIEVE THE SWORD, BUT AT LEAST WE'RE SAFE! LET'S GO!

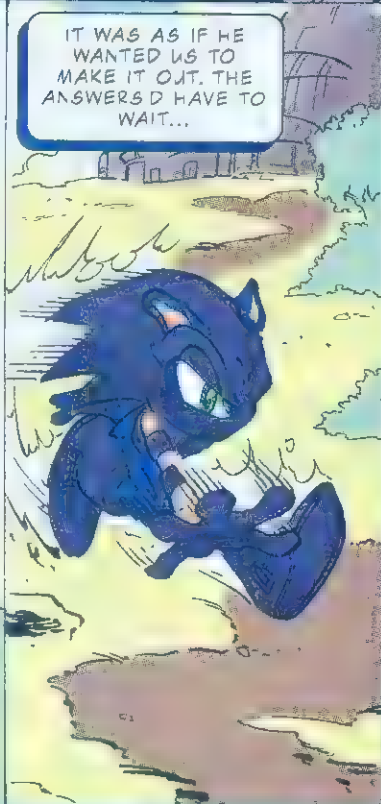




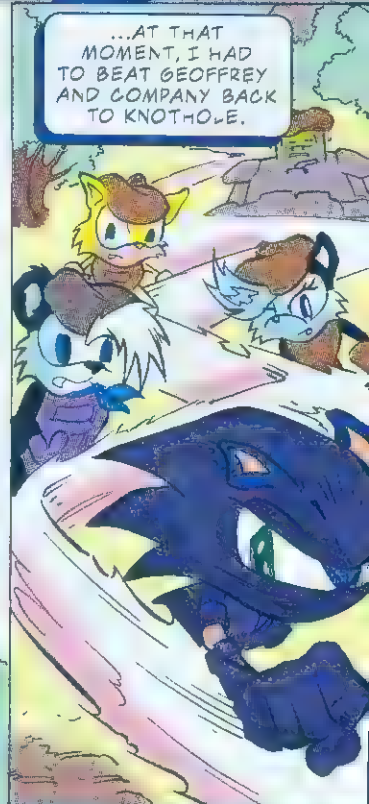
WE'D ESCAPED,
BUT IT ALL SEEMED
TOO EASY.



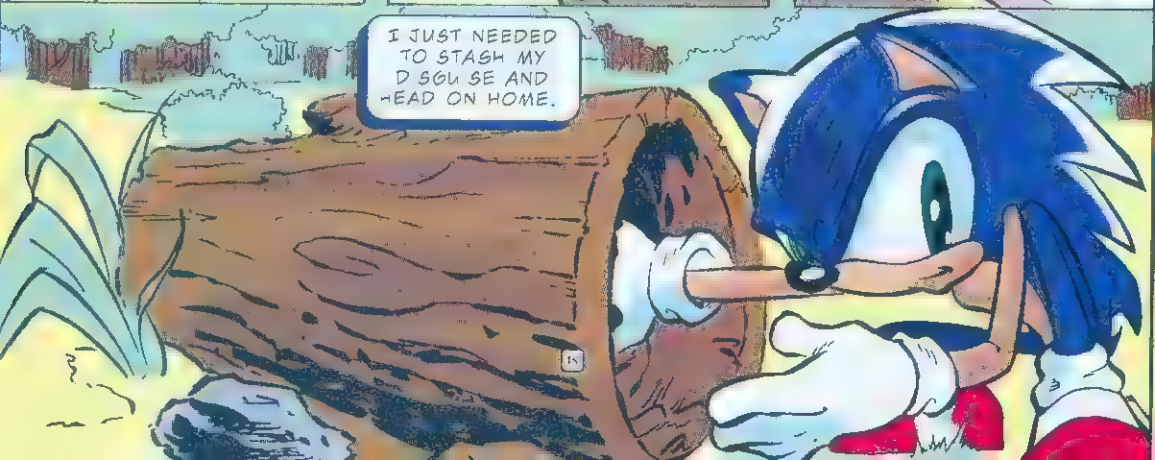
I MEAN, WHY HADN'T
ROBOTNIK ERECTED
HIS FORCE-FIELD
AROUND THE CITY
TO TRAP US?



IT WAS AS IF HE
WANTED US TO
MAKE IT OUT. THE
ANSWERS HAD TO
WAIT...



...AT THAT
MOMENT, I HAD
TO BEAT GEOFFREY
AND COMPANY BACK
TO KNOTHOLE.



I JUST NEEDED
TO STASH MY
D SQU SE AND
HEAD ON HOME.

A full-page illustration of Sonic the Hedgehog running towards the viewer. He is in a dynamic pose, leaning forward with his arms pumping. He has a determined expression. The background shows a landscape with green bushes, a blue sky with yellow clouds, and a reddish-brown ground. A speech bubble from an unseen character is at the top, and a text box with Sonic's thought is on the left. At the bottom, there is a preview for the next issue and a small logo.

**FREEZE,
HEDGEHOG!**
YOU'RE COMING
WITH US!

BUT IT LOOKED
LIKE SOMEBODY
HAD MADE OTHER
PLANS FOR ME.

NEXT:

**SONIC
ADVENTURE 2!**



HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE
OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN
OF THE FLOATING
ISLAND, BUT NOW

NUCKLES

IS EVOLVING INTO
SOMETHING MORE--
MUCH MORE--

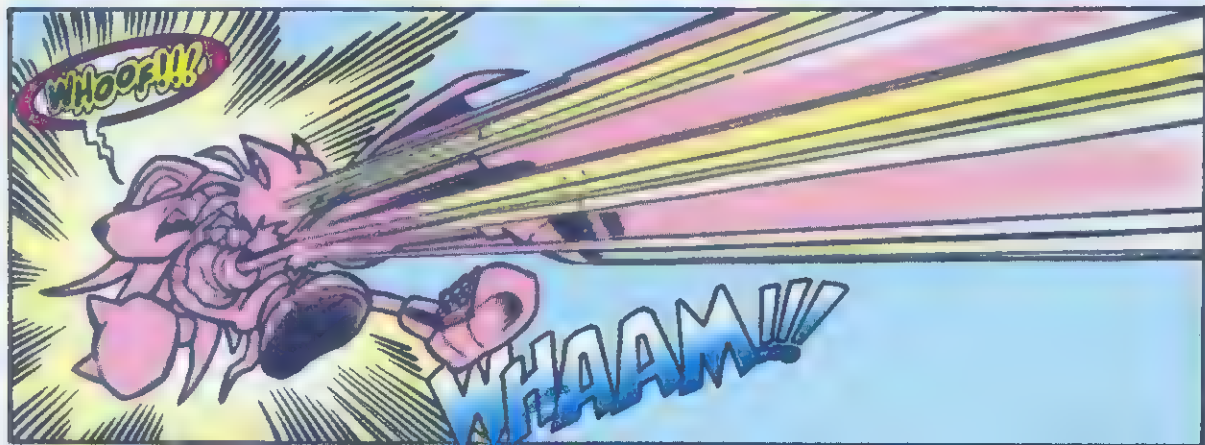
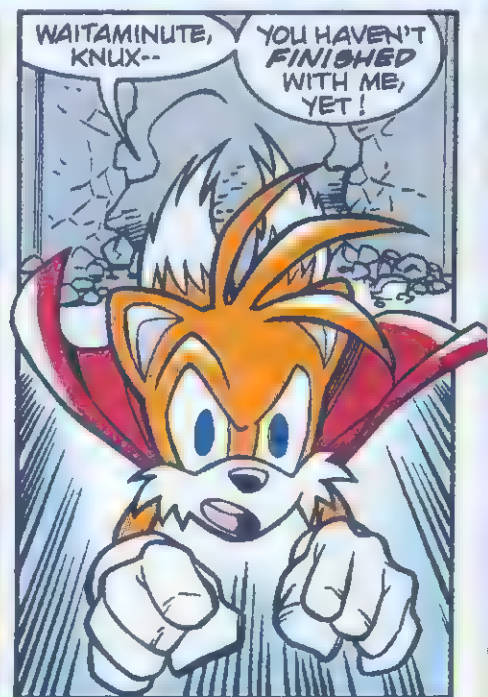
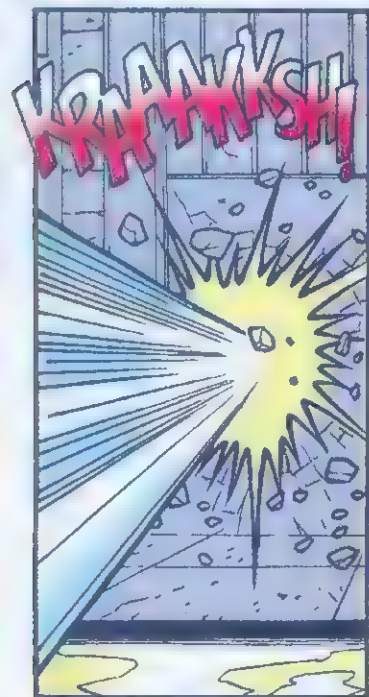
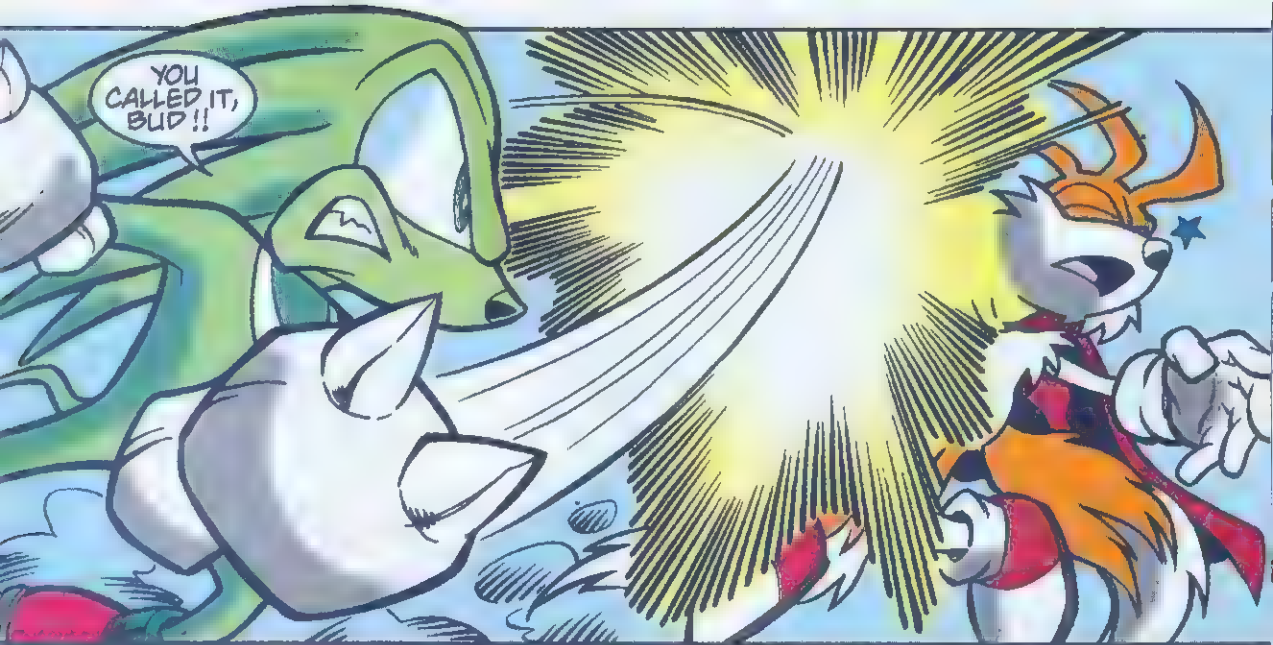
--AND NOW, IN A FLASH
OF INTENSE PAIN, HE
LASHES OUT, AS
TURBO-TAILS STEPS
FORWARD TO DEAL
WITH HIS FRIEND...

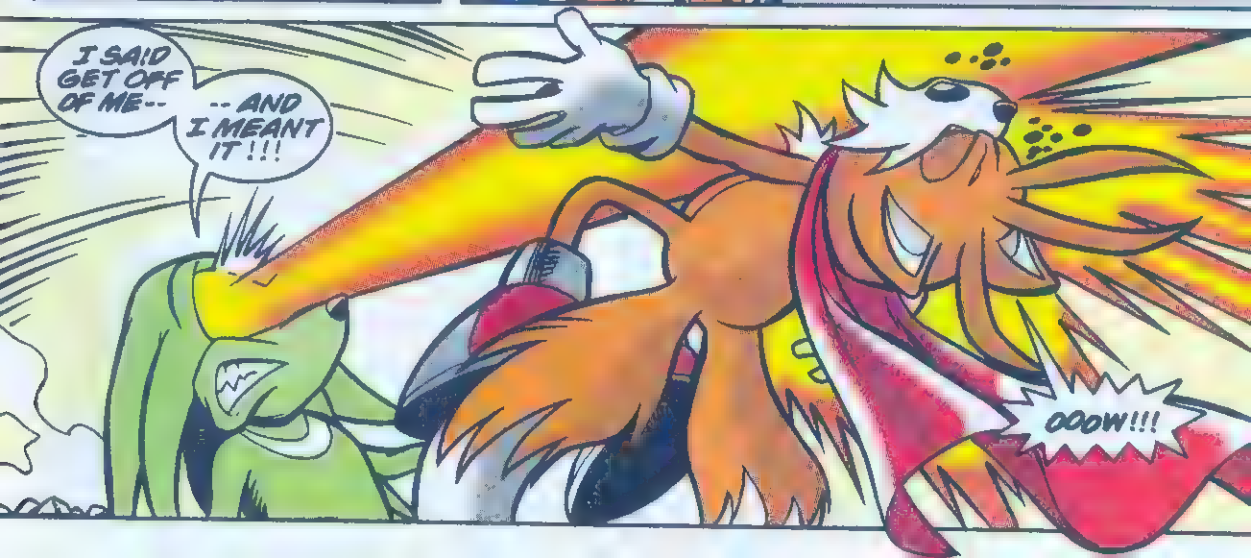
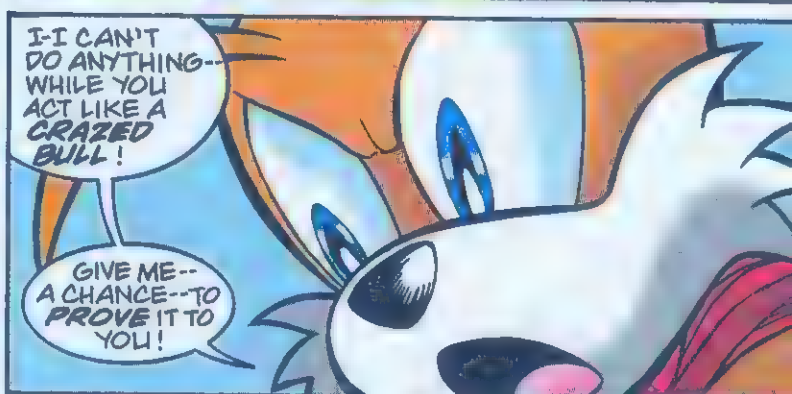
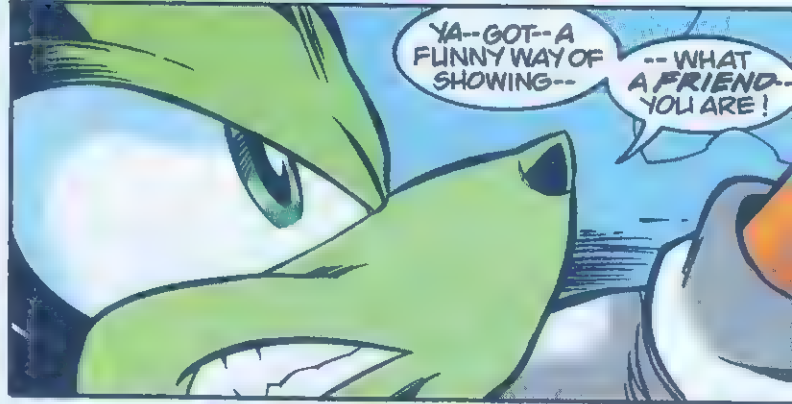
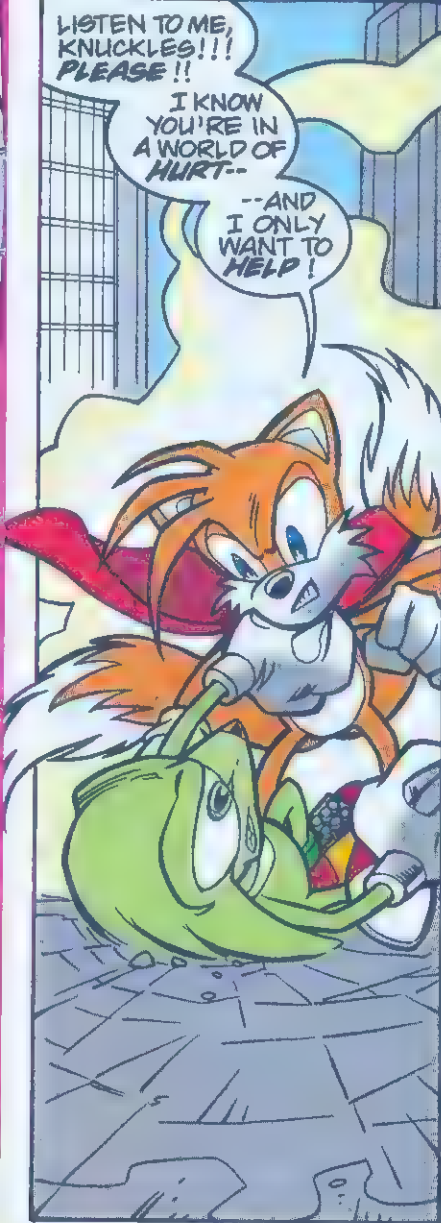
YOU DON'T
GET OUT OF MY
FACE RIGHT NOW,
TURBO-RUNT--
--WE'RE GOING
TO DO SOME SERIOUS
RUMBLING!

I HATE
TO STRIKE
AN ECHIDNA
WHEN HE'S
DOWN--

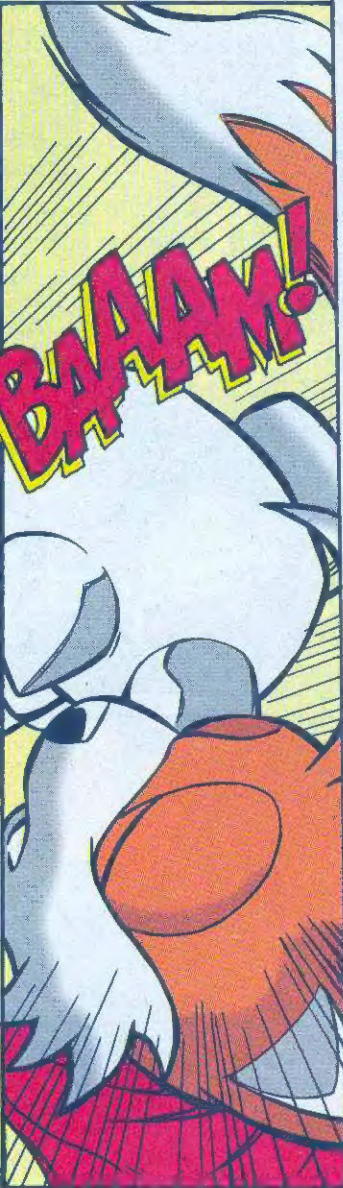
--BUT I'LL
DO IT IF I
HAVE TO FOR
YOUR
OWN SAKE,
NUCKLES!

TO THE BRINK











THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET YOU DO THIS, TAILS!



WHAT ON *MOBIUS* WENT *WRONG*, ATHAIR?

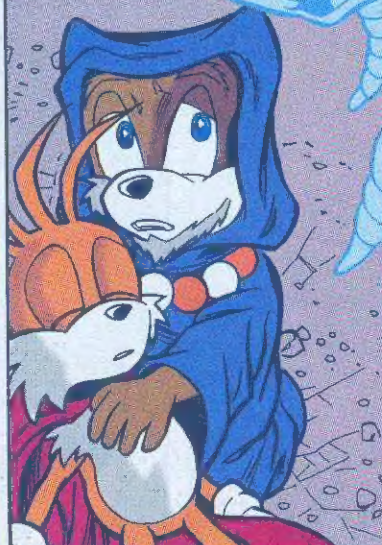
TURBO-TAILS WIELDED *STRENGTH* AND *ABILITIES* FAR BEYOND EVEN *SUPER-SONIC* OR *HYPER-KNUCKLES*!



YOU'LL GET NO *QUARREL* FROM ME, MERLIN!

WHATEVER THE *CAUSE*, IT WAS SURELY NOT *ANTICIPATED*!

PERHAPS IF I *PROBE* HIS *SUBCONSCIOUS MIND*--



NO WONDER!

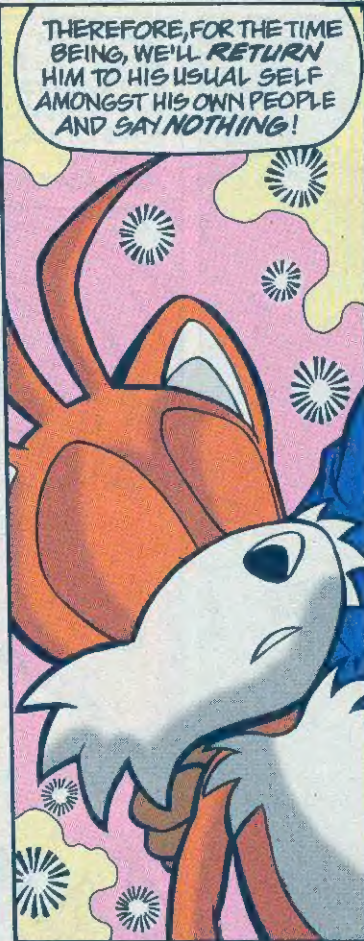


WHAT, ATHAIR?
WHAT HAVE YOU *FOUND*?

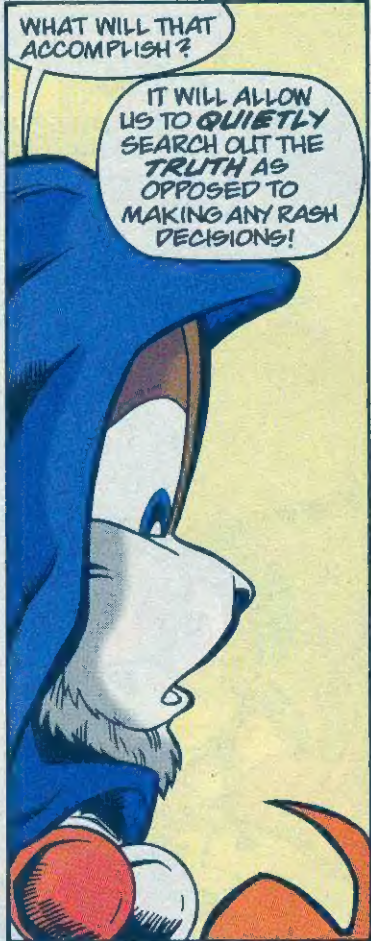


UNTIL WE KNOW ALL THE **FACTS**, WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN OF ANYTHING!

BEFORE THIS MOMENT, THERE WAS NO REASON TO **BELIEVE** OUR YOUNG CHARGE WAS ANYTHING BUT WHO WE **THOUGHT** HIM TO BE!



THEREFORE, FOR THE TIME BEING, WE'LL **RETURN** HIM TO HIS USUAL SELF AMONGST HIS OWN PEOPLE AND **SAY NOTHING!**



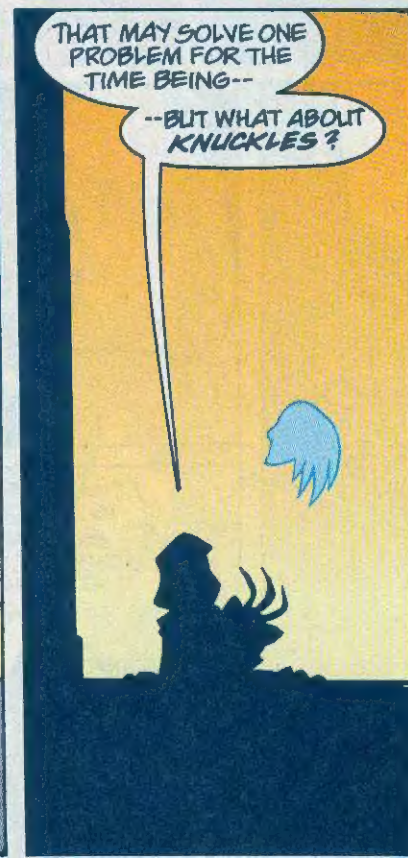
WHAT WILL THAT ACCOMPLISH?

IT WILL ALLOW US TO **QUIETLY** SEARCH OUT THE **TRUTH** AS OPPOSED TO MAKING ANY RASH DECISIONS!



AS FAR AS I AM ABLE TO DETERMINE, THE LAD IS AN INNOCENT, WHO BELIEVES HIMSELF TO BE WHO HE IS--

-- SO WHY **SHATTER** THAT BELIEF BEFORE HE IS CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH IT?



THAT MAY SOLVE ONE PROBLEM FOR THE TIME BEING--

--BUT WHAT ABOUT **KNUCKLES?**

NEXT ISSUE:
ARE YOU READY
FOR MORE
SONIC
ADVENTURE?
BE HERE IN
30 DAYS!

NOTE TO CONTINUITY
BUFFS: WE RETURN TO
OUR ORIGINAL STORYLINE
IN **SONIC #99** --
ALONG WITH THE **DARK**
LEGION, NO LESS!
'NUFF SAID!